not that. My question was, at any rate, the spirit and purport of my question was : an order was passed by the Government to close the offices ; in spite of that order, why were the offices in the mufassal not closed? The exact reason seems to be that telegrams were received at 5-15 or 5-30 p.m. in the district courts and sub-courts in the Tiruchirapalli district, and that seems to be the reason. I want to know why there was so much delay in sending the telegrams or in the receipt of the telegrams in the mufassal? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry that we are spending so much time on this. The death took place and instructions were given with respect to the flags, with respect to office working and with respect to many other matters; and the instructions from Delhi had to be absorbed here and re-issued to the districts. Wherever it was near, the instructions reached in time, and wherever it was distant, the instructions took some time. There was no case of disobedience or discrimination."

*The Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order.*

* 94 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order was received by this Government;

(*b*) the date on which the Order was brought into force in this State;

(*c*) the number of licences so far issued under the order by the Government; and

(*d*) the steps the Government propose to take to prevent unlawful dealers purchasing and selling paddy which is going on on a large scale even to-day?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 11th July 1952.

" (*b*) 29th November 1952.

" (*c*) The information cannot be furnished readily without reference to all Commercial Tax Officers, who alone are empowered to grant licences.

" (*d*) If any person is dealing in foodgrains in quantities exceeding fifteen maunds, without a licence, he is liable to be proceeded against criminally besides confiscation of the stocks of foodgrains held by him. Further in the event of any emergency such as unreasonable rise in the prices of foodgrains, necessary powers are already available in the Order to requisition stocks and distribute them at reasonable prices through fair price shops or other Government agencies."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know why the Order was not enforced immediately after it was received from the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Government thought it was unnecessary."

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Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of fixing the ceiling price of paddy and rice throughout the State as an effective step to check and prevent the soaring up of prices? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid it does not arise out of this question."

*Reorganization of District Boards.*

* 95 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and what decision on the recommendations of the Committee appointed to report on the reorganization of District Boards?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Advisory Committee for Reorganization of district boards submitted its report to Government on the 31st January 1953. The Government are considering the Report."

Sri P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of placing a copy of the report on the table of this House? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" After the Cabinet takes a decision, and if it is permitted, it will be done."

Sri M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" ఆ కమిటీవారు చేసిన సిఫార్సులు ఏమిటో gist (జిస్టు) అయినా చెబుతారా? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" They cannot be revealed now." " ప్రజల అభిప్రాయం తీసుకునే ఆ కమిటీ రికమండేషన్లు చేసినది. వాటిని కాబినెట్టు ఆలోచించిన తరువాత మేము ఆ రిపోర్టు మీముందు పెడతాము."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" May we know at least some of the salient features of the recommendations of this Reorganization Committee? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The report will be placed on the table of the House some time later; it is considered to be secret now, and the recommendations cannot be given in answer to a question here."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" రిపోర్టు కాబినెటు పరిశీలిస్తూ ఉండగానే మేము కూడా పరిశీలిస్తే ఆలస్యము కాకుండా ఆ సిఫార్సులను ఆచరణలో పెట్టడానికి వీలు అగుతుంది కదా? లేనంతట కాబినెట్టు కొన్ని నెలలు, ఆ తరువాత అసెంబ్లీ సభ్యులు, ఆటు తరువాత ప్రజలు ఈ విధంగా జరిగితే చాలా ఆలశ్యానికి కారణం కాదా? "

Sri E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Government consider the report and come to a conclusion before the next elections to the district boards? "